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In re Application of
ROMANENKO, Anatoly, Vladimirovich, et al.
U.S. Application No.: 09/980,774
PCT No.: PCT/RU99/00477
International Filing Date: 09 December 1999
Priority Date: 29 July 1999
Attorney's Docket No.: U 013681-9

For: CATALYTIC COMPOSITION, METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THEREOF AND METHOD
FOR THE PURIFICATION OF TEREPHTHALIC
ACID

COMMUNICATION

This application is before the PCT Legal Office for issues arising under 35 U.S.C. 371.

BACKGROUND

On 09 December 1999, applicants filed international application PCT/RU99/00477 which claimed a priority date of 29 July 1999 and which designated the United States. On 08 February 2001, a copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") by the International Bureau ("IB").

On 26 December 2000, a Demand was filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority electing the United States. The election was made prior to the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. As a result, the deadline for submission of the basic national fee was extended to expire thirty months from the priority date, i.e., 29 January 2002.

On 24 October 2001, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States accompanied by, among other materials, payment of the basic national fee, a translation of the international application into English, and an executed declaration.

DISCUSSION

The published international application identifies two of the five inventors as follows: JHUNG, Sung, Hva, and PARK, Jun Seok. On the declaration filed 24 October 2001, these names are listed differently, with Hva listed as the family name for the inventor whose family name was identified as JHUNG in the international application, and Seok listed as the family name for the inventor whose family name was identified as PARK in the international application.

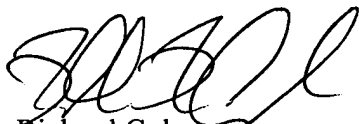
Before the present declaration can be accepted under 37 CFR 1.497, applicants must provide clarification as to why the names for the inventors are listed differently in the international application and the present declaration. If factually appropriate, a proper response could be a statement that the names published in the international application resulted from a typographical or transliteration error, and that the correct names for these inventors are those set forth in the present declaration. In the alternative, if the names are properly set forth in the international application, not the present declaration, then a corrected declaration must be submitted.

CONCLUSION

As set forth above, applicants must file either an acceptable explanation regarding the discrepancy between the fourth and fifth inventors' names in the declaration and in the published international application, or they must submit a corrected declaration.

Applicants must reply within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Failure to file a proper response in a timely manner will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the application. Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, DC 20231, and address the contents of the letter to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.



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